



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **INOUE, Masaru, et al.**

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Examiner: **Samuel M. Heinrich**

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For. **THIN PLATE FORMATION METHOD, THIN PLATE AND SUSPENSION
CORRECTION APPARATUS, AND CORRECTION METHOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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May 30, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated April 20, 2006, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.